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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on trends in national institutional arrangements, which will be available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and background documents and to express its views on the work of the working group, including the institutional arrangements framework, compendium of good practices and the guidelines and recommendations for national geospatial information management entities.

Summary of the report

At its sixth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2016, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 6/104, in which it noted the report and background document prepared by the working group on trends in national institutional arrangements and by its three task teams. Recognizing the complexity and broad scope of the topic, and that there is no single universal solution or model that fits all countries, the Committee commended the working group for its considerable efforts in formulating indicators for national geospatial institutional arrangements. The Committee also encouraged the working group to use and promote good practice case studies to demonstrate the diversity of the institutional landscape, to continue its work in close consultation with the global geospatial community and to report its progress to the Bureau of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management prior to presenting it to the Committee at its next session.

In its report and associated background documents, the working group and its three task teams provide information on its recent activities, including supporting

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the consultancy exercise conducted by the Secretariat and the preparation of five work packages and related deliverables. In the report, the working group also describes the methodologies and approaches to: (a) preparing national institutional arrangement guidelines and recommendations; (b) formulating the framework of structural and managerial instruments used to establish recommendations to evaluate or improve management structures across governments; and (c) identifying good practices and their applications across Member States. The institutional arrangements framework, good practices, guidelines and recommendations are presented for consideration by the Committee of Experts.